

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of this response will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicants, respectfully, request that this response be entered and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Office Action dated January 9, 2006 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application for invention. The Office Action dated January 9, 2006 rejects Claims 1-18.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-15 and 17-18 are rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,758,259 issued to Lawler (hereinafter referred to as Lawler).

Claims 1, 5 and 13 define subject matter for displaying visual indicia for each of the plurality of personal channels for allowing selection of one of the personal channels, wherein the visual indicia is controllable by a remote control to invoke a personal channel featuring selective programs for an individual television viewer. This subject matter is clearly described on page 14, lines 12-21 of the specification to the present invention. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that Lawler teaches that a PIN must be entered into the station controller with the viewer control unit (see col. 7, lines 35-43). There is no disclosure or suggestion within Lawler for presenting visual indicia for selecting from any the personal channels on the display. Therefore, Claims 1, 5 and 13 are believed to be allowable over the teachings of Lawler.

The remaining claims covered by this rejection depend from Claim 1, 5 or 13, either directly or indirectly, and further narrow and define these claims. Therefore, the remaining claims covered by this rejection are also believed to be allowable.

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 4, 8 and 16 under the provision of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,107 issued to Lawler et al. (hereinafter referred to as Lawler et al '107). The Applicants, respectfully, assert that these claims depend from Claims 1, 5 and 13 that these claims are allowable for that reason.

The foregoing amendment adds new claims 19 and 20 that define subject matter for the remote control to be a voice recognition system. This subject matter is

discussed in paragraph 39 of the specification. Therefore, the addition of new Claims 19 and 20 does not attempt to add new matter into the present application for invention.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this response to Account No. 50-3745, including extension fees but excluding issue fees, and to credit any overpayments to the same account.

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